# The Highland Park eNews

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# **Events & Meetings**

# Monday, April 18

International Film Series - Rust and Bone 6:30 p.m., Public Library

#### Tuesday, April 19

**Council Committee Meeting** 7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

# Wednesday, April 20

Walk With the Mayor 6:00 p.m., Donaldson Park

### Wednesday, April 20

**Human Relations Commission** 7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

#### Thursday, April 21

Earth Day Eve Film – Yert; Your **Environmental Road Trip** 6:30 p.m., Public Library

### Monday, April 25

Zoning Board of Adjustment 7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

# Tuesday, April 26

Poetry Night Series - Barbara Cooker 7:30 p.m., Public Library

## Wednesday, April 27

Walk With the Mayor 6:00 p.m., Donaldson Park

## Saturday & Sunday, April 30 - May 1

**Operation Take Back** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Senior/Youth

# Sunday, May 1

Run in the Park 5k and Spring Street Fair 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

All meetings are subject to change, please check the Borough's website at www.hpboro.com for updates

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# "Run in the Park" 5K/Spring Street Fair

Get set, and GO...to Main Street's "Run in the Park" 5K and Spring Street Fair!

Sunday, May 1

5K Road Race and Kids Races begin at 9:00am by the Highland Park High School on North 5th Avenue

> **Spring Street Fair** 11:30am - 4:30pm

Downtown Highland Park along Raritan Avenue Crafts, vendors, artists, music, food, games, inflatable rides and more! Admission is free

#### Thank you to our sponsors:

Saint Peter's University Hospital, Speakmusic Conservatory, Strub Law LLC and Kinetics.



# **SUNDAY MAY 1**

Downtown Highland Park, NJ

5k Road Race & Kids Races 9:00am

Annual Spring Street Fair 11:30-4:30pm

RunInThePark.org Facebook: /MainStreetHP Twitter: @MainStreetHP Instagram: mainstreethp











# Highland Park's Earth Day 2016 Celebration!



Highland Park held another fantastic Earth Day Celebration on Sunday at the Environmental Education Center on River Road. Families enjoyed a scavenger hunt on the river trail, environmental science and engineering activities for kids, and information about beekeeping and raising chicken.

It was a beautiful day to celebrate Earth and the environment, with hundreds of residents and visitors in attendance.

## **Operation Take Back**



Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal on April 30 and May 1 from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South  $6^{th}$  Ave.

Have you – or someone you know – done something recently that's particularly noteworthy? Let us know about it and we'll include it in Highland Marks! Write to communications@hpboro.com

# Police Unity Tour Officers Ride for NJ State Trooper Anthony Raspa



Highland Park Police Officers will once again be participating in the National Police Unity Tour, a 320 mile bicycle ride from East Hanover, NJ to the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial (NLEOM) in Washington, D.C.

The annual event, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, raises awareness about officers who have died in the line of duty, and raises money for NLEOM. Highland Park Officers John Sachau, Kevin Shiffner, Guy Palumbo, and Detective Sean McGraw will be riding, along with Sergeant Joe Olarra and Officer Brian O'Mara assisting in a support role.

Traditionally every officer rides in memory of a fallen police officer. This year the Highland Park Officers will ride in honor of New Jersey State Trooper Anthony Raspa, a Highland Park resident, who was tragically killed last year in an automobile accident while on duty. Riders will wear memorial bracelets engraved with Anthony's name, and an additional bracelet and plaque will be presented to the Raspa family during a ceremony at the NLEOM.

For more information about the Police Unity Tour's route or to donate, contact Detective McGraw at 732-572-3800 ext. 4263 or <a href="mailto:smcgraw@hpboro.com">smcgraw@hpboro.com</a>.

# **Summer Camp**



The Highland Park Summer Camp is the fun, summer place to be! The Day Camp running for 7 weeks, beginning July 5, is for children K-Grade 6 offers arts and crafts, recreation, day trips, cooking, nature, music, science, and weekly pool visits. The Teen Camp for teens grades 7-12, offers day trips, cooking, recreation, music, and group activities. The Sports Camp offers five weeks of either full time or half day camp. Choose a week of baseball, track, basketball, soccer, wrestling, tennis, or football.

"New" this year is a Special Needs Camp for grades K-6. This camp will be a component of the Day Camp, with a Special Needs Camp Head Counselor. We will use individualized child assessments to provide the most inclusive environment possible, using pull out programming whenever possible and peer interaction on grade level. Group activities, electives, music, science, and special events will be included. This camp is sponsored in part by the Doug Flutie Jr foundation for Autism.

So, whether you would like to attend 1 week or all 7, Highland Park Camps have something interesting and fun for all!!

The 2016 packet can be found on the Borough of Highland Park's website <a href="http://www.hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/516">http://www.hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/516</a>.

Please join us on facebook @ Highland Park NJ Recreation

# **Volunteer Appreciation Event**



Pictured Mayor Brill Mittler and Allan Williams, Volunteer of the Year

Highland Park would not be the same without our numerous volunteers, who are dedicated to our town and motivated to make it even better. On April 12, the Borough held an event to show our appreciation for all of our volunteers. Many of our residents came out to the event, held at the Senior/Youth Center on South 6th Avenue, to support these volunteers.

Each committee or commission nominated one volunteer to receive a special certificate this year, and the Volunteer of the Year Award went to long-time resident Allan Williams. Allan is a member of the Environmental Commission, Sustainable Highland Park, and the Planning Board. His work during the past eight years has been invaluable to the Borough.

Here is a list of the honorees:

Board of Adjustment – Jeannine Dresch
Board of Health – Olivia Bridges & Julia Brennan
Cable TV Advisory Committee – Gary Leslie
Commission for Universal Access – Carlie Andrews
Community Emergency Response – Joanna Joseph
Community Food Pantry – Carlie Andrews
Environmental Commission – Jonathan Abrahams
Fire Department – Andy Schwartz
First Aid Squad – Carl Kim
Housing Authority – Morgan Chen

Human Relations Commission – Mary Denver
Library Board of Trustees – Bruce Tucker
Mayor's Wellness Campaign – Dr. Cliff Lacy
Planning Board – Alan Kluger
Public Information Committee – Saskia Marina
Recreation Advisory Committee – Debbie Hehir
Redevelopment Agency – Frances McDonald
Safe Walking & Cycling Committee – Kara Donaldson
Shade Tree Advisory Committee – Roseann Baruh
Sustainable Highland Park – Hagit Mano



Thank you to all of our resident volunteers for their incredible work to benefit our community.

# **Challenge Lights Off**



To commemorate Earth Day on April 22, the Highland Park Middle School has created a challenge for Highland Park. On April 22, from 8:00pm to 9:00pm, the Middle School challenges residents to stop using all unnecessary appliances, including lights.

This one hour Lights Off concept saves money, helps slow climate change, and enables residents to see the stars that are normally hidden by the city lights.

The challenge is part of the sixth grade project called Be The Change, in which they choose one problem in the world and try to change it. This year the students chose global warming.

Help celebrate Earth Day and help protect the environment by participating in this one-hour Lights Off challenge!

# **Chometz Disposal**

A Chometz disposal drop-off service is offered for any residents that wish to drop off garbage and recycling materials. Chometz disposal will be offered on April 22 during the hours of 6:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Department of Public Works building, located at: 444 Valentine Street in Highland Park.

\*Please follow our regular recycling rules and separate garbage and chometz from recycling items such as glass, plastic, paper and cardboard For more information please visit <a href="http://www.hpboro.com/index.aspx?NID=399">http://www.hpboro.com/index.aspx?NID=399</a>.

\*\*Please note: All Chometz MUST be dropped off by 12:00 p.m. Do NOT leave items after this time, as there is no garbage storage at this location.